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1. MAO Tse-tung went to Moscow at the invitation of Stalin, who wanted to ascertain China's position and course of action in the event of another world war.
2. Just before MAO was to leave a meeting of the Central Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) was called. Five elder statesmen of the CCP, represented by TUNG Pi-wu, held the view at the meeting that China should remain neutral in case of war, being unready to participate in a large scale modern war. This view was opposed by a faction led by LIU Shao-chi***. No conclusion was reached and the meeting broke up. MAO, seeing a division in the CCP on this question, thereupon decided to go himself to Moscow to find out the degree of assistance Stalin would want, so as to effect a compromise on his return.
3. It is generally believed in Peking that MAO did not agree readily to Stalin's demands.
4. TUNG dared to speak out in the meeting of the Central Political Bureau as he did, because he had the backing of LIN Piao. LIN is a fellow Hupeh native and was once a student of TUNG. LIN is a MAO man regardless of MAO's policy; LIN's subordinates, however, will go against him and MAO in any case where they go against the Soviets. Many of these subordinates were chosen by Soviet advisors, and all have a record of long association with them.
5. A purge of, or at least an open division in, the CCP is inevitable****. It will probably occur immediately after the conquest of Taiwan, as the CCP cannot afford an open split prior to that time. In case of a purge the

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non-Communist members of the Government would be the first to go.

6. LIU Po-cheng, PENG Te-huai, and CHEN Yi are supporters of MAO. They generally oppose a pro-Soviet policy.
7. There is no real cooperation between military leaders of the CCP. For example, when LIU Po-cheng turned over hsien in Kwangsi to LIN Piao, LIU took all the local assets, including the current accounts, of the Bank of China branch there.
8. Among the non-Communist groups in the Chinese Communist Government there is considerable friction. Each group seeks favors from the CCP and slanders the others to the CCP leaders. Only the following non-Communist groups now have a significant role to play:
 - a. The China Democratic League has been assigned by the CCP to cultural and educational work. In making this assignment it is understood that the League will not take part in political activities.
 - b. The KMTRC has the mission of lining up all members of the Kuomintang as they drop out of the Nationalist camp.
 - c. The National Democratic Reconstruction Association***** has been assigned the mission of gaining the support of all industrialists and businessmen in China, Hong Kong, or overseas. The Association is the most important non-Communist group in the Government.

25X1 Comment. TUNG Kuan-hsien believes that the recent announcement by TUNG Pi-wu that 7,000,000 Chinese are liable to starve was made to strengthen his case against those who favor making guarantees to help the Soviets in a future war.

25X1 * Comment. TUNG Pi-wu and his followers evidently wish to make their position known to the outside world, in a bid for at least moral support from the United States in the present struggle between the pro-Soviet, or International, faction of the CCP and the National faction.

25X1 ** Comment. Not only is CHU Hui-ch'ing loyal to TUNG Pi-wu, he is also a long-time friend of TUNG Kuan-hsien.

25X1 *** Comment. LIU Shao-chi is usually considered a much more powerful member of the CCP leader group than is TUNG Pi-wu.

25X1 **** Comment. A purge of the Chinese Communist Government is considered entirely possible in the immediate future. The pro-Soviet group, in order to get its way, may try to commit China irrevocably by involving the country in a political and military offensive in Southeast Asia.

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